



BY THE KING.

His Majesties Proclamation forbidding the Tendring or Taking of the late Vow or Covenant, devised by some Members of both Houses to engage His Majesties good Subjects in the maintenance of this odious Rebellion.



HEREAS We have lately seen a Vow or Covenant pretended to be taken by some Members of both Houses of Parliament, whereby after the taking notice of a Popish and Traiterous Plot for the subversion of the true Reformed Protestant Religion, and the Liberty of the Subject, and to surprize the Citties of *London* and *Westminster*, They doe promise and covenant according to their utmost power, to assise the Forces pretended to be raised and continued by both Houses of Parliament, against the Forces raised by Us, and to assise all other Persons that shall take the said Oath, in what they shall doe in pursuance thereof; which Oath as the same hath been taken without the least colour or ground, the contrivers thereof well knowing that there is no Popish Army within this

Kingdom, that We are so farre from giving countenance to that Religion, that We have alwaies given, and alwaies offered Our consent to any Act for the suppression of Popery and the growth thereof; and that the Army raised by Us is in truth for the necessary defence of the true Reformed Protestant Religion established by Law, the Liberty and Property of the Subject, and Our own just Rights according to Law; all which being settled and submitted to, or such a free and Peaceable convention in Parliament being provided for, that the same might be settled, We have offered and are still ready to Disband Our Armies; and as the said Oath was devised only to prevent Peace, and to preengage the Votes of the Members of both Houses (directly contrary to the Freedom and Liberty of Parliament) and to engage them and Our good Subjects in the maintenance of this horrid and odious Rebellion; so it is directly contrary, as well to their naturall Duty as to the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy established by Law, which obliges them to bear to Us Truth and Faith of Life, Members and Earthly Honour, and to defend Us to the utmost of their powers against all conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against Our Person, Our Crown and Dignity, and to doe their best endeavours to disclose and make known to Us all Treasons and Traiterous Conspiracies which shall be against Us, and to their Power to assise and defend all Iurisdctions, Priviledges, Preheminences, and Authority belonging to Us, or united and annexed to the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme. And whereas We are informed that some desperate seditious Persons doe endeavour to perswade and seduce others of Our Subjects to take the said Oath, thereby to engage them and this Kingdom into a continuance of these miserable and bloody distempers, We doe therefore out of Grace and Compassion to Our people, and that they may not by any craft or violence suffer themselves to be seduced against their Duty and Conscience, warne them of their naturall Allegiance, and their Obligations by Oathes lawfully administred to them, and with them to remember the great blessings of God in peace and plenty which the whole Kingdome hath received, whilst that Duty and those Oathes were carefully observed, and the unspeakeable miseries and Calamities they have suffered in the breaking and violation thereof. And We doe straitly Charge and Command Our loving Subjects of what degree and quality soever, upon their Allegiance, that they presume not to take the said seditious and traiterous Vow or Covenant, which endeavours to withdraw them from their naturall Allegiance which they owe unto Us, and to which they are or ought to be sworn, and are bound by the known Lawes of the Land, albeit they are not sworn, and engages them in Acts of High Treason by the expresse letter of the Statute of the 25. year of King *Edward* the third. And We doe likewise hereby forbid and inhibit all Our Subjects to impose, administer, or tender the said Oath or Covenant: And if notwithstanding this Our gracious Proclamation any person shall presume to impose, tender, or take the said Vow or Covenant, We shall proceed against him or them with all severity according to the known Lawes of the Land. Given at Our Court at *OXFORD* the one and Twentieth day of June, in the nineteenth year of Our Raigne.

God Save the KING.